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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Sir:

In the above-referenced matter, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 7 with the following amended paragraph 7:

[0007] In a first embodiment, the present invention provides a pharmaceutical agent comprising a carrier moiety and a therapeutically active peptide species, wherein the peptide is in the form  $aa_n$ , where  $n$  is the number of amino acid residues in the peptide. Preferably, the carrier moiety comprises an aryl or alkyl group of sufficient length or steric bulk to protect the active peptide species from enzymatic degradation *in vivo*. More preferably, the carrier is selected from a group comprising cinnamoyl, benzoyl, phenylacetyl, 3,4-methylenedioxycinnamoyl, 3,4,5-trimethoxycinnamoyl, *t*-butoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, pivaloyl, N-9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl, and fumaroyl. Furthermore the carrier moiety can be chemically linked to a therapeutically active peptide species of the general formula  $aa_n$ , where  $n$  is an integer from 2 to 40. In addition, this embodiment of the present invention contemplates a therapeutically active

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